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The men the world calls "lucky" Will tell you, every one, That success comes, not by wishing, But by hard work, bravely done.

OLD BUT EFFECTIVE

TRULY there is "nothing new under the sun." Even "Liberty Bread" and "bread cards" are ancient devices to stave off hunger and food the stomach with substitutes for wheat.

Take thou also unto thee wheat and barley and beans and lentils and millet and fitches, and put them in a vessel and make thee bread thereof.

How much can you give the Red Cross? Why just about twice as much as you think you can.

What has become of the old-time bonfire with which we used to celebrate election nights?

WHERE TEUTON SLIPPED

SATURDAY'S wonderful Red Cross demonstration, which has had its counterpart in dozens of other cities of the United States, ought certainly to convince any observer, be he foreign or living among us, but not of us, that about one of the worst mistakes made by the German autocracy was in turning the thoughts of the American nation to war.

Just as the German autocrats thought that Great Britain was too much involved in trade to fight for integrity of treaties which it had signed and thereby turned the British empire into a military machine, the Potsdam clique has by its disregard for human rights and humanity changed the thought of the United States from industry to fighting.

A year ago Harrisburg gave evidence of its patriotism in a great parade. It sent forth its sons in such numbers as volunteers that it won exemption from the draft. It has met every call for financial assistance to the government. It has lined up for the war charities. And with the men united, the women have furnished by their parade some idea of the extent and enthusiasm of the work they are doing to back them up.

It all goes to show that those who think this country, this state, this city are not bent on winning the war had better take notice and that very promptly.

If you haven't voted "dry" there is still a little time left.

When 2,000 men parade to show their temperance principles, the indications are that there are three or

A NEW RIVER PARK

THE agreement between the owners of the half mile of land embraced by the new development, River View, north of Wormleysburg, and the City Planning Commission, to preserve all the land between the river road and low water mark in the Susquehanna for park purposes is the first step toward turning the whole stretch from Wormleysburg to Epola into a park like that of which Harrisburg is so proud on this side.

The Planning Commission has been desirous of having the west side of the river parked ever since it began to study the local situation and Mr. Hershey's ready consent to the proposal of the commission that the land between the street and the river be dedicated for park purposes reflects a breadth of vision in which other property owners, once the advantages are shown them, should be prepared to share. This agreement precludes the possibility of buildings being erected between Front street, of the new development, and the river. In other words, it will prevent that section of the West Shore ever being troubled by a Hardscrabble problem and will insure for those who build houses along Front street in River View an unobstructed view of the stream.

So much for the West Shore; for Harrisburg the parking of the western bank means a fringe of trees and greenery forever along the bank of the stream opposite the city. It means that the present beautiful frame around the Susquehanna river basin at this point will be preserved and enhanced. There will be no factories, billboards or garages shoved out over the bank to ruin it for the West Shore residents who are entitled to its use as a park or to mar the beauties of the stream from the Harrisburg side. This good beginning having been made, the Planning Commission no doubt will proceed to interview other owners along the West Shore with a view of similar concessions to the north.

Another admirable feature of the Hershey development, worked out through the far-sighted Planning Commission, is the broad thoroughfare running from the river to the railroad at a point where eventually a subway will be constructed under the railroad lines to meet a road from Camp Hill that will run down through the valley in the rear of the development, paralleling the Carlisle Pike. The pike is becoming almost as badly congested as a city street and as the West Shore communities grow the traffic situation will have to be relieved by the opening of the valley road outlined by the commission. By dedicating the street at this time much expense for widening and setting back houses and other buildings will be avoided.

The work of the Planning Commission is not so important for the immediate present as it is for the far future. Its members must look into the years a century hence and base their calculations upon growth and development, in order that the community may not have to face the results of such frightful errors as were committed in the times when towns grew up along cowpaths and only the present was in the mind of the builder. The intelligent city planner must sow his seeds without thought of seeing the harvest. He plans for future generations, but though he may not enjoy the results of his labors as they will appear many years hence, he will live in the good works he does and in the estimation of grateful generations yet unborn. His is a most unselfish labor of love.

Politics in Pennsylvania

By the Ex-Committeeman

Primary elections being held throughout Pennsylvania to-day will be held for the counties instead of the state, the act of 1915 having relieved the state of the payment of the cost which was subject of the uniform primary act of 1908. Some of the bills for primary elections held prior to 1915 are still in litigation.

Under the law the primary results will be computed by the county commissioners instead of by the courts, as is done in a general election, and the returns will probably not be filed as promptly as in the November elections. The returns of this year's primary must be sent to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for recording. The statements of expenses incurred at the primary must be filed at the State Department not later than June 5 in the case of candidates or committees in charge of campaigns of candidates for county wide nominations and in county towns of home districts where men go before the people for district nominations.

A change made by an act of 1917 is that the state committees are to be organized not later than the fifth Wednesday after the election. Under the former act they had to meet before the third Wednesday.

The general impression among men who have followed the course of the campaign is that the vote will be tight, except in the cities where there are liquor saloons. Local antagonisms and efforts on the part of either men who are in power to stay there or ambitious young men who would take their place in general rule the situation is ripe in many parts of the state for some surprises and some old leaders may topple in counties where they have long held sway. The action of the Governor in hitching endorsement of his administration to the O'Neil candidacy and the state administration drive against some legislators opened the way to fight out things along well defined lines.

Thousands of the Vares in deciding to fly against the Dauphin county court decision in the Town Meeting vote qualification case is a matter of state-wide concern. The Vares dictate that men who voted Town Meeting shall not be allowed to vote Republican no matter what the Dauphin court says. The Philadelphia district attorney says men shall be allowed to vote.

Concerning the Philadelphia Ledger says: "The Vares faction, which yesterday sent out challenge affidavits to every election division in the city. This is in defiance of the decision of the county court, who declared that electors who registered as Republicans previous to the last election could not vote in the Republican primary. A letter, purporting to furnish the laws governing to-day's election, was sent to thousands of voters. The Philadelphia district attorney says the court had no connection whatever with the qualification necessary to participate in the election to-day. When asked for instructions yesterday on the matter of challenging the county commissioners read to a judge of elections an option given to the commissioners by their attorney, Alexander Simpson, Jr., to the effect that electors could be challenged and prevented from voting unless they took affidavit that they voted for a major party. It is pointed out that the refusal to give O'Neil formal endorsement.

Alexander Simpson, Jr., is the man who is commonly believed slated for Supreme Court appointment and it will come along in a few days in opinion of men at the Capitol. There is no one mentioned much who seems likely to get the Democratic place. Whether there will be a fight on Simpson at the November election depends largely on what happens in Philadelphia today. Governor Brumbaugh is spending the bulk of this week in Philadelphia in an effort to line up the Vares for O'Neil. The Governor is said to be much disappointed at the refusal to give O'Neil formal endorsement.

Philadelphia and Pittsburgh newspapers filled with "last party" stories and it is very apparent that the two cities will be the big points of interest. The wonderful work of the organization through the Home Communication Service of which he is in charge. Recreation for soldiers, the search for missing and prisoners, the supplying of chaplains for hospitals, the building of huts for comfort stations, and finally the photographing of the graves, the resting place of the boys who fall over there, to be sent to the parents at home.

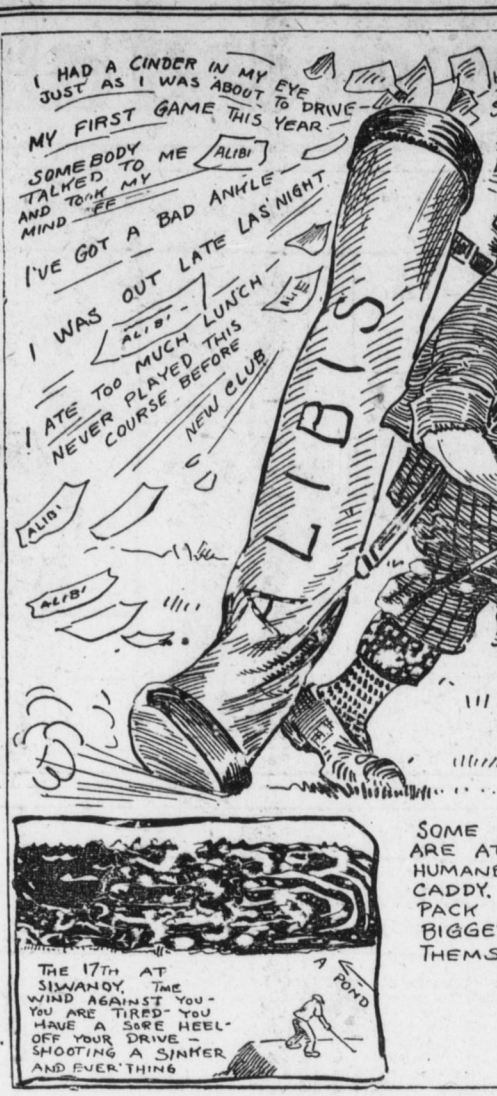
The wonderful opportunity to have a part in such a service by contributing to the Red Cross is all that need be presented to the patriots of America. It goes beyond duty and becomes one of the greatest of privileges.

BLUFFING THE NEUTRALS

[From the New York World.] The phrases their citizens use to describe the German menace to neutral allies are gravity, Denmark being becoming "another Belgium." Holland sees in German plans for her commercial conquest the will to make her a second Rumania.

Holland by land, Denmark by land and sea, are at the mercy of a militarism grown desperate. Denmark perhaps first. Copenhagen could soon be smashed by German guns. Jutland overrun by German armies. German seizure of Finland and the Aland Islands has alarmed Denmark. In grasping the Baltic, Germany does not forget its gate. Meanwhile she brags of "generosity" in sending Denmark coal stolen from France and petroleum siphoned from Rumania.

THE SPRING DRIVE AND EVERYTHING



EDITORIAL COMMENT

With forty trainloads of wounded Germans passing through Belgium daily, it would seem that a considerable part of Hindenburg's army is again engaged in "strategic retirement."

An enemy alien who went to Washington to be naturalized has been arrested. Now, if he had gone to blow up the Capitol he might have saved himself from being annoyed by the authorities.

RED CROSS A BULWARK

When Italy was faltering in the fight, and its battle line was breaking under the attack of German arms from front and German propaganda within its army, it was the Red Cross that overcame German lines, strengthened the arm of the discouraged nation and inspired the Italian troops to hurl back the invading Huns and Austrians.

When France, suffering and staggering under the burden of war, needed relief for its civilian population, it was the Red Cross that brought the relief. Of the work of the Red Cross upon the battlefields, behind the battle lines, in hospitals, and in its direct service of healing the wounds of war, every one is familiar. But of its great field of useful and vital work aside from its service on the battlefield, the average American knows but little. It goes beyond duty and becomes one of the greatest of privileges.

The root of the health subject as affecting the war ends, if this is to be in the care of the children, and instilling into youthful mind the full value of a sound body. Much money should be spent on the present youthful generation to promote health and the health of the next generation will be largely assured.

It is predicted that the Kaiser will die before the war ends. If this is to prove true it is to be hoped that he will not die of old age.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HERE'S HIS CHANCE To the Editor of the Telegraph: I noticed in the Telegraph recently a letter by a Reading railroad advertiser using a bit of boilerplate for advertising the sale of their Stamps and War Savings Stamps. Evidently the agents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company have not got in touch with the Reading railroad, but we can assure you that it is not the fault of the Metropolitan.

TELEGRAPH IN FRANCE To the Editor of the Telegraph: The first piece of mail I received in France was a copy of the Harrisburg Telegraph dated March 11 and I can assure you that it was very eagerly read by two boys of that town. Privates Egolf and Cleckner.

ARE WE SEEING IT? [Kansas City Star] Every American is a steward of American democracy. Soldier or citizen it is his duty to help preserve it pure. Our soldiers are making it pure. Our citizens are making it pure. Are we seeing it? Are we keeping democracy a living thing, ready to occupy the new world which our armies are making safe for us who are left at home to see that their sacrifice is not made in vain. Are we seeing it? Are we keeping democracy a living thing, ready to occupy the new world which our armies are making safe for us who are left at home to see that their sacrifice is not made in vain. Are we seeing it? Are we keeping democracy a living thing, ready to occupy the new world which our armies are making safe for us who are left at home to see that their sacrifice is not made in vain.

HEARTS ARE TOUCHING

THE eloquently appreciative words which follow are from the pen of a French schoolgirl. They are quoted in the Earth (organ of the Santa Fe Railroad, published at Topeka, Kan.) by Dr. John H. Finley. "It was only a little river, almost a brook; it was called the Yare. One could talk from one side to the other without raising one's voice, and the birds could fly over it with one sweep of their wings. And on the two banks there were millions of men, the one turned toward the other, eye to eye. But the distance which separated them was greater than the stars in the sky; it was the distance which separates right from injustice. "The ocean is so vast that the sealulls do not dare to cross it. During the seven days and seven nights the great steamships of America, going at full speed, drive through the deep waters before the lighthouses of France come into view; but from one side to the other hearts are touching. "The word 'character' is true to its derivation. It is a Greek word, which the Greeks derived from the word which we pronounce harass, which they pronounce charass, but which had the same meaning then as now. They spoke then of a coin in the mint which was hammered and tortured by the sharp edges of the die, as being stamped upon, indeed, as a poor charassed thing—as being character. Its character came to it because it was beaten, pounded by this tremendous hammer. The more it was beaten the more distinct character it had. I believe all our words of similar import have a similar derivation. Thus, when we say that a man has this 'type' of manhood, the original meaning is that he has been beaten into that shape by the blows of experience that have passed over him. Burns says the rank is but the guinea stamp. This means, at bottom, that a 'pound' is metal which has been pounded. And there are all our words of similar import. Just the same is true of a man. If he have the true heart, the true life, and strikes himself the matter of the circumstances instead of the slave. And the hammering is no unimportant part of the process.

LABOR NOTES

Canadians are discussing the question of having aliens now in internment camps in Canada employed on the highways of Canada. The average wage of girls employed by the wives of Pennsylvania farmers in 1917 was \$40.02 per week. Some 30,000 or 35,000 typewriting machines have been supplied to the British government departments at home and abroad. Less than two in every 10,000 factory operatives meet death from accidents connected with their work. The Federal Bureau of Mines reports that there were 2,696 fatalities in the coal mines of this country last year. The war has forced India to depend upon her own supply of coal and has drawn attention anew to her large deposits. Two thousand four hundred college men have been enrolled for work in shipyards for the duration of the war.

OUR DAILY LAUGH

BURNT INTO HIS MEMORY. "What time did the clock say when you got home last night." "I don't remember what the clock said, but I'll never forget what my wife said."

POOR GIRL. "This has been quite a late summer." "Yes, I haven't had an opportunity to change furs yet."

NO HURRY. "How's this? Marie can knit a sock for the Red Cross twice as quickly as you can." "Oh, but I put my monogram on all mine, you know."

DESCRIPTION. "Of course, you burn hard coal." "Yes—hard to get."

THAT'S MOTHER. Twenty years ago the Telegraph printed an original poem by Charles Gingham, of the P. R. R. station force in this city, which has just been reprinted from the Atlanta Constitution in the Mother's Day number of Camp and Trench, a paper published in the interest of the soldiers at Camp Hancock. The poem follows: "A little woman, no longer young. With halting steps and faltering tongue, Thin hair with streaks of gray among. That's Mother! "Hands once dimpled, soft and white. Now lean and brown and shriveled quite. With battles of life she's had to fight. That's Mother! "Yet she is the star of hearth and home. In pride or shame to her we come. For none can sympathize—not one. Like Mother. "If ever I enter the heavenly sphere, My mother's prayer will have helped me there. And I know I shall say, as I say it here: 'Where's Mother?'"

BY BRIGGS



HEAVENLY BEINGS

Men who follow politics in Pennsylvania saw that in spite of the important issues involved in the primary election which is being held throughout the state to-day the only points where much interest is displayed are a dozen or so cities, such as the four or five largest municipalities, McKeesport, Altoona and some others, including Harrisburg. In places like Allentown, Lebanon, Lancaster, Williamsport, Greensburg and the larger boroughs the campaign is notable for the lack of popular interest, while in the smaller communities no one seems to care. This impression appears to be general throughout the state because the minds of the people are upon the war, the various campaigns and the demands of industry. For this reason some of the men intimately connected with political work look for a light vote and some disappointment in the morning aspirants for congressional and legislative nominations have been enduring some strenuous campaigning and privately admit that the newspapers which they find people uninterested. As a matter of fact, this is a politicians' campaign and what fuss there is being made in the newspapers which have given the candidates' statements space which some people consider is out of proportion to a campaign in this city would, in view of correct, we may look forward to a rather quiet campaign in the fall, which will be a relief to Harrisburg, which has had a stormy character of two or three campaigns in the last few years. Some of the men in politics were predicting to-day that the vote in this city would be small and that in the country districts little interest would be taken; although the fact that Senator Beidleman is a home newspaper man which nomination will bring some who would otherwise not take the trouble to vote.

LABOR NOTES

The State Department of Agriculture is having a very real concern about the lack of bees in Pennsylvania and the scarcity of honey which is threatened. The bulletin which was issued by the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine states that sugar beets must be sown and more sugar beets must be grown and more honey produced if we expect to have sweetening for our coffee next winter. With honey at a low price, all beekeepers will find most profitable every hour they can devote to their bees. Last winter's losses of bees because of the cold weather which is 80 per cent in the upper counties of the state. It has been estimated that over a million dollars in bees is being lost in Pennsylvania because of our state by last winter's carelessness in wintering bees."

It's amusing to hear the comments of people as they pass the big board erected in front of the State Capitol on which to place the names of the soldiers who have gone over the top for the Liberty Loan. This board was ordered by state officials and is inscribed "The Honor Roll." That is what many people appear to have difficulty to comprehend. They stop and ask the policemen what it means and often times demand why their home town is not listed. One of the officers of the comments upon the board and its purpose was made yesterday when a man told another that it was for the "young men who were killed in the war." A pathetic note came from a party of automobile tourists. A woman who pointed out the board told those with her that it was to be used for the names of the Pennsylvanians killed in the war.

Corporal Ormerod, of the United States artillery, who was here when the French soldiers came to town, met the fathers of two of his comrades in the Twelfth artillery while here. At the flagraising at the Marsh Run operation he happened to meet Ex-President Taft, whose son is in the same organization. Corporal A. H. Stackpole has been attached to the headquarters company and has been attending the French artillery school. He will be twenty-one soon and will likely be commissioned soon after. Charles P. Taft, his college classmate, who is now attending the school and will be commissioned during the summer.

A short time ago a Harrisburg man interested in rural pursuits had a turkey hen setting on a collection of expensive eggs. Hatching was complete and the Harrisburg man was at the farm. In the course of the excitement the hen left the nest and one egg remained locked. It was not known whether it was laid or would produce. So they placed it in the automobile beside the engine which was hot through some strenuous travel. The only thing which they forgot to take it out for some time with the accent on the time.

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

A. W. Mellon, Pittsburgh banker, is head of the campaign committee of the Red Cross in that city.

Joseph P. Guffey opened the annual convention of the Natural Gas Association at Pittsburgh yesterday.

E. E. Ludlow, Lehigh coal official, will speak at Philadelphia on responsibilities of a coal operator at this time.

Mayor Lewis Franke, of Johnstown, has forbidden fireworks in his town on July 4.

DO YOU KNOW

That Harrisburg is shipping many tractors to nearby farming districts?

Historic Harrisburg Indian chiefs used to regard Harrisburg as an ideal place for holding councils and kept it up after Harris came here.